



Scouts BSA Troop 449, Fremont

Welcome! We are a youth-led troop designed to develop life skills, learn and practice leadership, make meaningful contributions to society through community service, and have loads of fun along the way!

- **Troop Meetings:** We meet on Monday nights from 7:00 to 8:00 p.m. at Cabrillo Elementary School:
36700 San Pedro Dr., Fremont, CA 94536
- **Outdoor Activities:** We strive to have at least one outdoor activity each month, such as hiking, biking, or camping (often in combination), to develop core Scouting skills while having fun. Here are a few of our past and planned activities:
 - January – Winter Awareness Training – USS Hornet
 - February – Snow play/camp
 - March – Campout and hike – Mt. Diablo
 - April – Scouting 101 – Camp Del Valle
 - May – Campout at Lake Chabot
 - June – Campout and caving – Pinnacles National Park
 - July – Summer camp at Camp Wolfeboro
 - August – Campout at Garin Park and family hike to Angel Island
 - September – Campout and beach fun at Big Sur/Sunset Beach
 - October – Webelos campout at Garin Park and backpacking at Sunol Wilderness
 - November – Scouting for Food and community service
- **Summer Camp:** Every summer, we spend a week at a BSA summer camp where Scouts can participate in activities such as archery, horseback riding, and swimming, or try crafts such as pottery or leatherworking. In 2025, we went to Camp Winton; and in 2026, we went to Camp Wolfeboro in the Sierras. Scouts often rate summer camp as their best experience, and we highly encourage all youth to attend!
- **Costs:** We strive to keep costs as low as possible and offer multiple fundraisers to help Scouts pay their way.
 - Local Troop Monthly Dues – \$15 per month to cover basic Scout supplies (patches, neckerchiefs, woggles), make camp reservations, replace broken equipment, etc.
 - GGAC Program Council Fee – \$149 per year. These fees fund local council staffing, programs, and activities, including training, year-round maintenance of BSA camps, and insurance.
 - National BSA Fees – \$85 per year, plus an optional Scout Life magazine subscription for \$15 per year.
 - Other Costs:
 - Scout uniform, handbook, and personal camping and hiking gear
 - While the troop will provide tents, stoves, pots, pans, etc., Scouts will need their own personal gear to make camping enjoyable, including a sleeping bag, pad, meal kit, canteen, etc.
 - Most local camping costs cover food only.
 - Fundraisers – We believe Scouts should help fund their activities, and we provide regular opportunities for them to add money to their Scout accounts, including monthly opportunities to serve as waiters at the Elks Lodge.
- **How can parents help?** Scouting's success depends heavily on adult volunteers who serve as drivers, chaperones, Scoutmasters, merit badge counselors, members of boards of review, and troop committee members. The safety of our Scouts is our priority. In accordance with California Assembly Bill 506 (AB 506), all adult volunteers must complete the registration process, which includes annual Youth Protection Training, fingerprinting, and a background check.
- **What is the biggest difference between Cub Scouts and Scouts BSA?**
 - Scouts BSA is youth-run and youth-led, which means it can sometimes look like organized chaos.
 - Adult leaders are there to guide Scouts and make sure they are safe.
- **How can I learn more about your troop?** Ask any of our adult volunteers or visit our website at www.bsatroop449.org.
- **How can I learn more about the BSA and Scouting?** Please see <http://www.scouting.org> for more information.

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If you have any more questions, please feel free to call or email us. Thank you again for your interest!